after completing three or four years in the stores of C.G.H.S., Indian System of Medicines; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to replace the officers who have completed four years ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Employees belonging to Groups B, C and D are not transferable. However, Group A Officers are generally transferred after completion of their tenure of 3 to 4 years.

Preventive Measures to Check Cholera in U.P.

1103. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken precautionary measures for preventing the spread of cholera in U.P. during the coming summer; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) As per report received from the State Govt. no death due to cholera has taken place in Uttar Pradesh till 24-4-1993. However, the State Govt. has initiated necessary preventive measures like dissemination of health education, provision of safe drinking water, ban on the sale of unhygienic foods, strengthening of surveillance and monitoring, storage of sufficient quantity of medicines, etc.

T.B. Patients in Bihar

1104. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of T.B. patients in Bihar are constantly rising year after year;

(b) is so, what is the number of TB patients in the State during the last three years, with year-wise statistics thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a large number of TB patients from Bihar had to shift to other places in the country particularly to Delhi in the absence of proper treatment in the State;

(d) whether Government have collected any data of such migrating TB patients from Bihar during the last three years;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) what action Government propose to take to provide best treatment to TB patients in Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) State Government has not sent information regarding new TB detection for the year 1991-92 and 1992-93. The figures reported for 1990-91 were 2,21,052.

(c) to (f) Now a days TB treatment is based on anti-TB drugs taken at home. Bihar has a network of 32 District TB Centres, 27 TB Clinics and 1969 TB beds to cater to the needs of patients. Government have no information of migration of TB patients from Bihar. Further, Central Government have augmented drug supply to the State.